

ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

Year End and Summer Accountability Plans

As the school year winds down, much of the work to produce report cards is just gearing up. Here's a summary of what will be happening vis-a-vis the state accountability system over the summer.

Alternate Accountability (June - September)

[Alternate Accountability](#) is a district-supervised self-assessment process. As we [outlined in last week's DAC Digest](#), schools that already know they fall into the Alternate Accountability process (e.g. a K-2 only school) may submit their completed and signed [determination form](#) any time this summer; we began accepting these forms last week and will continue until the September deadline (exact date TBD). Other schools will not know until we have assessment results. Once OEA has final test data from our vendors in late summer, we will notify all schools that are required to complete the alternate process as early as possible so that schools/districts have sufficient time to complete the form.

If your district has a school or schools that fall into this process and would like to submit the determination form(s) now, send completed and signed form(s) to oeamail@dpi.wi.gov.

Report Card Roadmap (July - September)

The Accountability Advisory Group will meet over the summer to develop a first draft of a Report Card Roadmap. This document will outline the process for including college and career ready metrics in the report cards, as [required by Act 59](#). OEA anticipates sharing the Roadmap with the field in the fall so schools and districts enter the 2018-19 school year with a clear understanding of which metrics will be added and when to the report cards in the coming years.

Summer Inquiry Period (August)

This August we will again hold an inquiry period in which schools and districts can verify their demographic data prior to report card calculations being run. Any school or district with a deduction for dropout rate or chronic absenteeism rate, based on our preliminary run, will also be able to verify the student data included in both dropout and absenteeism calculations.

We anticipate opening the inquiry window in early August and once finalized, we will communicate specific dates here as well as on the [report card timeline](#).

Please let us know if there are any questions!

~OEA

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Office of Student Assessment

Thank you for successfully administering the spring assessments in a timely manner. Please visit the [2017-18 Vendor-Based Reporting Information](#) for a one-page overview of the 2017-18 spring testing reports available from vendors (i.e., description, where/when available, etc.). This document outlines the following for the various reports:

- Report description
- Report format
- Where to access the report
- The anticipated date/timeline of the report release date
- Recommended use of the report

The ACT, Forward Exam, and DLM Assessment results remain under **embargo**. This embargo usually lasts until a DPI press release date. As assessment reports become available in the secure portals, please be aware that DPI will notify districts when results may be shared publicly. In the meantime, public release of the data from these assessments is not permissible.

The vendor-based data reporting mentioned above, as you know, is separate from the extensive processes involved here at DPI. As the final data files are being delivered to DPI from each of the vendors, DPI staff are beginning to prepare the data for reporting in WISEdash for Districts, the WISEdash Public Portal, and Accountability Report Cards. Public reporting of assessment results must meet Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requirements regarding student data. DPI data warehouse and OEA teams are working under tight timelines this summer to load, clean, quality assure, and report data in time for the WISEdash Public and report card releases.

We'll be taking a short summer break from the DAC Digest, but anticipate resuming weekly updates in August. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with any assessment (osamail@dpi.wi.gov) or accountability (oeamail@dpi.wi.gov) questions. Wishing you a sunny and safe summer!

Forward Exam

Reminders: Data and Results

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be made available electronically in eDIRECT June 22. eDIRECT reporting tools will allow users to extract data in an Excel or .csv file. Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts July 23.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

New: Enhanced Learning Maps

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is recruiting interested teachers to participate in the Enhanced Learning Maps Project in partnership with the KU Center for Assessment and Accountability Research and Design.

Learning Maps depict networks of connected learning targets, representing the many-to-many relationships among concepts and skills and containing a landscape of learning pathways that are not necessarily linear. They provide visual means for considering prerequisite relationships among concepts and skills and multiple learning pathways that support understanding. Learning maps can support teachers in planning lessons that query and build on prior knowledge, foster connections, offer

opportunities for diagnosing misconceptions, and stimulate the descriptive feedback students need to advance in their learning.

The Enhanced Learning Maps training will be on June 26-27, in Stevens Point, WI. It is coming up quickly so please contact [Mike Peacy](#) for an application soon if you are interested. We request **DACs to distribute the Enhanced Learning Maps training information to any ELA and Math teachers who would be interested.**

Score reports

Score reports will be made available this year in late June. This is a change of delivery date from last year and is much earlier.

ACT with writing

Opportunity for High School Science Educator Involvement

Wisconsin educators specializing in science are invited to serve on panels that will develop assessment specifications, participate in an alignment study, and develop performance level descriptors for the ACT with writing. The assessment specifications workshop will be held on July 19th. The alignment study and performance level descriptors workshops will happen in September. We will communicate the dates when they are confirmed. All three panels will be held in Madison. Panelists will be reimbursed for travel, lodging (if commuting from more than 40 miles away), and substitute teacher fees. Meals will be provided. Panelists do not need to be available for all three panels in order to participate. To express your interest in participating, please complete the [Educator Involvement Application](#) and submit a resume to osamail@dpi.wi.gov.

Reading Readiness

2018-19 School year

For the 2018-19 school year, the reading readiness requirement will remain the same. Districts will be required to assess for reading readiness all 4 year old Kindergarten through 2nd grade students at least once during the school year. Each school board and the operator of each charter school shall select the appropriate, valid, and reliable assessment of literacy fundamentals to be used. The school board or operator shall ensure that the assessment evaluates whether a pupil possesses phonemic awareness and letter sound knowledge.

Reading Readiness Reimbursement

Thank you to all DACs (and other staff) who completed the reading readiness reimbursement form. Reimbursements will be electronically distributed to districts prior to the end of the school year. DACs who have questions should contact Duane Dorn at duane.dorn@dpi.wi.gov or 608-267-1069.

Reading Readiness Results

DPI will load 2017-18 PALS, MAP and STAR reading readiness results to WISEdash for Districts. Districts who had student data loaded for these screeners in 2016-17 will continue to have their data loaded in 2017-18. Districts that did not previously sign a data release will need to do so in order to have their data uploaded into WISEdash. Information on data sharing agreements can be found at:

- PALS - <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/reading-readiness/FAQ#data>
- MAP - <https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash/districts/about-data/map>
- Star - <https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash/districts/about-data/star>

Reading Readiness Additional Information

More information about reading readiness requirements can be found at: [Reading Readiness Information](#) and [Reading Readiness FAQ](#).

NAEP and International Assessments

(Selected schools only)

Letters were sent out at the end of May to District Administrators and DACs with schools selected for NAEP, TIMSS, and/or IELTS in the 2018-19 school year. Letters will be sent to school principals in June with more information including scheduled assessment dates. Please direct any questions to Angela Dugas, angela.dugas@dpi.wi.gov.

A reminder about NAEP participation requirements: If a district receives Title I funds, it has already provided an assurance that its schools will participate in NAEP reading and mathematics at grades 4 and/or 8 if selected. In a case where a district receives Title I funds but a selected school within that district does not receive funds, the school is still required to participate in these grades/subjects so that the district meets its assurance of participation as an LEA.

DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES

Important Dates to Remember		
June	12: Profile (aggregate) reports mailed to schools and districts and available in PAnext. Student level data file cds mailed to DACs	ACT
	18: Score reports are available in KITE Client	DLM
	22: Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be made available electronically in eDIRECT	Forward
	29: Individual student reports and all other summative reports available in the Aspire Portal	Aspire
July	23: Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts	Forward
	mid-July: WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates and student logins and passwords for myworkkeys.com available in SAFE	WorkKeys

Important Tasks to Remember	
<input type="checkbox"/> Update KITE Client on testing devices.	DLM
<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure relevant team members are aware of the information regarding reading readiness assessment at Reading Readiness Overview and Reading Readiness FAQ .	Reading Readiness
<input type="checkbox"/> Review the ACT Data and Results webpage for details on ACT score reports. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the WorkKeys Data and Results webpage for details on WorkKeys score reports. <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute WorkKeys Individual Student Summary Reports to students.	ACT/WorkKeys

New Online Resource Highlights

As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
District Test Coordinator Checklist	A quick checklist for all of the required DLM responsibilities	DLM
Data Management Manual	A guide to the required steps for loading and editing data in KITE Educator Portal	
ACT Score Reporting Schedule	List of ACT reports and delivery dates.	ACT
ACT Data and Results	Webpage including links to sample reports and interpretive guides for the ACT.	
ACT Data Proficiency	Webpage providing information on Wisconsin's ACT performance levels.	
WorkKeys Data and Results	Webpage including links to sample reports and interpretive guides for WorkKeys.	WorkKeys
WorkKeys Score Reporting Schedule	List of WorkKeys reports and delivery dates.	
ACT Aspire Reporting Resources	Landing page for Aspire reporting resources, guides, and trainings.	Aspire
ACCESS Scores	Interpretive Guide, Parent Letters, etc.	ACCESS